

MINUTES

TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

September 7, 2010

A meeting for the Board of Medical Examiners was held 5:00 p.m. in the Iris Room, Ground Floor, at 227 French Landing, Heritage Place Metrocenter, Nashville, TN 37243.

Member in attendance electronically: Dr. Neal Beckford

Members in attendance: Drs. Keith Lovelady and Barrett Rosen.

Staff present: Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director; Shiva Bozarth, Deputy General Counsel; Sandra Powell, Board Administrator and Larry Arnold, Medical Director.

A meeting was held to summarily suspend the medical license of Tony N. Phillips, MD on September 7, 2010.

Ms. Otto made opening remarks to the panel and took them through all the requirements for a telephonic meeting. Dr. Beckford made a motion to proceed with the meeting electronically and Dr. Rosen seconded the motion. The motion passed and a roll call vote was conducted. Everyone present was identified for the record. Mr. Bozarth gave a brief statement and then turned the meeting over to the panel, chaired by Dr. Lovelady.

To support the allegations, Mr. Bozarth gave his opening statement and presented his witnesses, Mr. Mike Todd with the Tennessee Medical Foundation (TMF) and Ms. Shirley Pickney, Investigator with Health Related Boards in Jackson, Tennessee.

Dr. Phillips has been in treatment for mental health issues and was instructed by the TMF to cease and desist from the practice of medicine. Dr. Phillips refused to comply. On several occasions Dr. Phillips displayed public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

At the conclusion of the State's proof, Mr. Bozarth asked the panel to summarily suspend Dr. Phillips' medical license until a full hearing could take place at the Board's next scheduled meeting. Mr. Bozarth informed the panel that Dr. Phillips would have an opportunity to appear within seven days if he so desired to present evidence to the panel to refute the allegations.

A Proposed Order of Suspension was proffered to the panel for review. Dr. Rosen made a motion to accept the Proposed Order of Summary Suspension in the matter of Tony N.

Phillips, MD effective September 7, 2010 and Dr. Beckford seconded the motion. The motion passed. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Rosen made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Beckford seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

These minutes were ratified by the Board of Medical Examiners November 16, 2010.